

Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennium Temple—God's Glorious House (November 2, 574 BC)

Ezekiel 40–42

The Man With the Measuring Rod

40:1 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was destroyed, in this day exactly, the hand of Yahweh was on me, and he brought me there

2 in visions from God. He brought me to the land of Israel and put me on a very high mountain, and on it *was something* like a structure of a city to the south.

3 And he brought me there, and look, there was a man whose appearance *was* like *the* appearance of bronze, and a cord of linen *was* in his hand and a reed for measurement; *he* was standing in the gate.

4 And the man spoke to me, “Son of man, look with your eyes and listen with your ears and apply your heart to all that I *am* showing you, for you were brought here in order to show you *this*; tell all that you *are* seeing to the house of Israel.”

The Wall, Gate and Lodges

5 And there was a wall on *the* outside of the temple all the way around it, and in the hand of the man the reed for measurement *was* six *long* cubits, according to the cubit and a handbreadth, and he measured the width of the outer wall *as* one reed, and *the* height *as* one reed.

6 And *then* he went toward *the* gate whose face *was* to the east. And he went up by its steps, and he measured the threshold of the gate, one reed wide.

7 And the alcove *was* one reed long and one reed wide, and between the alcoves *was* five cubits, and the threshold of the gate along the side of the portico of the gate on the inside *was* one reed.

8 And *then* he measured the portico of the gate on the inside *as* one reed.

9 And he measured the portico of the gate *as* eight cubits, and its pilaster *was* two cubits *thick*, and *he measured* the portico of the gate on the inside.

10 And the alcoves of the gate *toward* the way eastward *were* three on each side; the same measurements applied to all three of them; and the same measurement applied to the pilaster on each side.

11 And he measured the width of the doorway of the gate *as* ten cubits and the length of the gateway *was* thirteen cubits.

12 And a wall *was* before the alcoves; one cubit on either side *was the* wall from here. And the alcove *was* six cubits on each side.

13 And he measured the gate from the top slab of the alcove to its *opposite* top slab *as* twenty-five cubits *in* width, from one entrance to the other one opposite it.

14 And he made *the* pilasters sixty cubits, and to the pilaster of the courtyard all the way around the gate.

15 And from the front of the gate *at* the entrance to the front of the portico of the inner gate *was* fifty cubits.

16 And *there were* narrow windows for the alcoves and for their pilasters *to the* inside of the gate all the way around *it*. And likewise *with respect* to the porticos and windows *were* all the way around to the inside, and on a pilaster *there were* images of palm trees.

The Outer and Inner Courts

17 And he brought me to the outer courtyard, and there were chambers and a pavement made for the courtyard all around *it*, and thirty chambers *were facing* to the pavement.

18 And the pavement flanked the side of the gates and all along the gates; this *describes* the lower pavement.

19 And he measured *the width* from the front of the lower gate to the front of the outside of *the* inner courtyard *as* a hundred cubits to the east and to the north.

20 And *as for* the gate that *had* its face toward the north of the outer courtyard, he measured its length and its width.

21 And its alcoves *were* three on each side, and its pilasters and its porticos had the same measurement *as* the first gate: its length *was* fifty cubits, and *its width was* twenty-five cubits.

22 And its windows and its porticos and its palm tree images *were* like the measurement of the gate that *was* facing toward the east; and it had seven steps that go up it, and *there were* porticos before them.

23 And a gate *led* to the inner courtyard, opposite the gate to the north and to the east, and he measured from gate to gate *as* a hundred cubits.

24 And *then* he took me toward the south, and look, a gate toward the south, and he measured its pilasters and its porticos; *they had* measurements *just* like the others.

25 And *there were* for it windows and for its porticos all the way around it like these windows; fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

26 And seven steps *were* going up *to* it and its porticos before them. And it had palm tree images all along its pilasters.

27 And *there was to* the way of the south a gate for the inner courtyard, and he measured from gate to the gate *on* the way of the south, *a* hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to *the* inner courtyard through the gate of the south, and he measured the south gate, *and it had* measurements like the others.

29 And its alcoves and its pilasters and its porticos *were just* like these measurements. And *it had* windows for it and for its porticos all the way around, fifty cubits along *its length*, and twenty-five cubits *wide*.

30 And *there were* porticos all the way around *its* length, twenty-five cubits; and *its* width was five cubits.

31 And its porticos *were* to the outer courtyard, and palm tree images *were* on its pilasters, and eight steps *were for* its stairs.

32 And he brought me to the inner courtyard *by way of* the east *gate*, and he measured the gate *as just* like the other measurements.

33 And its alcoves and its pilasters and its porticos *were also* like these measurements, and windows *were* for it and for its porticos all around; *its* length was fifty cubits, *and it was* twenty-five cubits wide.

34 And its porticos *were* toward the outer courtyard, and palm tree images *were* on its pilasters one each side, and eight steps served as it stairs.

35 And he brought me to the gate of the north, and he measured *it*; and he measured the same measurements as these others,

36 its alcoves, its pilasters and porticos, and its windows all the way around, and *a* length of fifty cubits and twenty-five cubits wide.

37 And its pilasters faced the outer courtyard, and it had palm tree images on its pilasters on each side; and eight steps *served as* its stairs.

The Chamber for the Priests

38 And a chamber with its doorway *was* in the pilasters at the gates, and there they rinsed off the burnt offering.

39 And in the portico of the gate were two tables on each side to slaughter the burnt offering on them and the sin offering and the guilt offering.

40 And on the outer side as *one* goes up to the doorway of the gate *to* the north *were* two tables, and on the other side, which *is* toward the portico of the gate, *were* two tables.

41 On each side of the gate were four tables, eight tables *in all*, *and* on them they slaughtered *sacrifices*.

42 And four tables *were* for the burnt offering, *and made of* dressed stones, one cubit and a half long and one cubit and a half wide and one cubit high was their measurements, and they placed the objects *with* which they slaughtered the burnt offering on them and the sacrifice.

43 And *there were* double-pronged hooks, one handbreadth *in width*, put in place in the house all around, and on the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 And on the outside of the inner gate, *there were* chambers for singers in the inner courtyard, which *was* to the side of the north gate, and their faces *were* to the south *with respect to one*, *and* on the side of the east gate *one* facing to the north.

45 And he said to me, "This chamber with its face toward the south *is* for the priests *who are* taking care of the responsibility of the temple.

46 And the chamber with its face to the north *is* for the priests *who are* taking care of the responsibility of the altar. They *are* the descendants of Zadok, the *ones who* approach *from among* the descendants of Levi to Yahweh to serve him."

47 And he measured the courtyard *as to its* length, a hundred cubits, and a hundred cubits wide, squared, and the altar is in front of the temple.

The Porch

48 And he brought me to the portico of the temple, and he measured *the* pilaster of *the* portico, five cubits on each side, and the width of the gate was three cubits on each side.

49 The length of the portico *was* twenty cubits and its width eleven cubits, and with ten steps they went up to it, and the pilasters had pillars, one on each side.

The Posts of the Temple

41:1 And he brought me to the temple *sanctuary*, and he measured the pilasters, six cubits wide on each side; *this was* the width of the tent.

2 And the width of the doorway *was* ten cubits, and the sidewall of the doorway was five cubits on each side, and he measured its length *as* forty cubits, and *its* width was twenty cubits.

3 And he went into *the* inner *room*, and he measured the pilaster of the doorway *as* two cubits and the doorway *as* six cubits and the width of the doorway seven cubits.

4 And he measured its length *as* twenty cubits and *its* width *as* twenty cubits *to the* front of the temple, and he said to me, "This *is* the most holy place.

The Wall and Side Chambers

5 And he measured the wall of the temple *as* six cubits, and the width of the side room *as* four cubits all along the outside wall for the temple all around the wall.

6 And the side rooms *were* side by side *in* three *stories* and *a total of* thirty rooms, and *there were* offsets in the wall, which *was* for the temple for the side rooms, all the way around to be supports, and *so* they were not supports *extending* into the wall of the temple.

7 And *each level* widened, and it went around upward to the side rooms for the structure that surrounds the temple upward all the way around, therefore *the* width *increased* to the temple upward, and thus the lower *level* goes up to the upper *level* *by means of*

the middle story.

8 And I saw for the temple a platform all the way around the foundations of the side rooms; *it was* the length of a full reed, six cubits long.

9 The width of the *outside* wall, which *was* for the side room to the outside, *was* five cubits, and *a space* that was set between *the* side rooms, which *was* for the temple

10 and between the chambers *was the* width of twenty cubits all around the temple, all the way around *it*.

11 And the doorway of the side room faced the open area; one doorway faced the north, and one doorway *was* to the south, and the width of the place of the open area *was* five cubits all around.

The Building Facing the Temple

12 And the building that faced the courtyard *was* toward the west, *and* its width *was* seventy cubits, and the wall of the building *was* five cubits wide all the way around, and its length *was* ninety cubits.

13 And he measured the temple, *and* its length *was* a hundred cubits, and the courtyard and the building and its walls, *their* length *was* a hundred cubits.

14 And the width of the front of the temple and the courtyard to the east *was* a hundred cubits.

The Galleries About the Temple

15 And he measured the length of the building facing the courtyard at the rear and its galleries, a hundred cubits on each side, and *also* the temple, the court, and the porticos of the courtyard,

16 the thresholds and the framed windows and the galleries around the three of them. Before the threshold *was* a covering of wood all around, and *from* the ground up to the windows, and *all around* the windows, *they were* covered.

17 Above the doorway and up to the inner temple and on the outside, and on all of the wall all the way around in the inner and in the outer *areas were* patterns,

18 and *it was* made of cherubim and palm tree images; a palm tree image between cherub and cherub, and the cherub had two faces.

19 And *the* face of a human *was* toward the palm tree image on the one side, and *the* face of a fierce strong lion faced the palm tree image on the other side; this work *was* executed for the entire temple all the way around.

20 From the ground up to above the doorway, the cherubim and the palm tree images *were* made, and *also* the *outer* wall of the temple.

The Altar of Incense

21 *As far as* the temple *is concerned* its doorframe *was* squared, and before the sanctuary *was* the appearance as *it were* the appearance of

22 a wooden altar *that was* three cubits high, and its length *was* two cubits, and its corners for it and its length and its walls *were of* wood. And he spoke to me, "This *is* the table that *is* before Yahweh."

23 And the two doors *were* for the temple and for the sanctuary.

24 And two leaves of a door *were* for *each of* the doors, two hinged leaves of a door: two *were* for the first door, and two leaves of a door *were* for the other door.

25 And cherubim *were* made on them, that is, on the doors of the temple and palm tree images like the ones prepared for the walls; and *an overhang of* wood *was* on the surface of the porticos on the outside.

26 And narrow windows and palm tree images *were* on either side, *and* on the side walls of the portico, and the side rooms of the temple and their overhang.

The Inner Court of the Chamber

42:1 And he brought me out to the outer courtyard to the north, and he brought me to the chamber which *was* opposite the courtyard and which *is* opposite the building to the north.

2 *As to the* face of *the* length of *the building with* the doorway to the north, *it was* a hundred cubits, and its width *was* fifty cubits.

3 Opposite the twenty *cubits* of the inner courtyard, and opposite *the* pavement that *was* to the outer courtyard *was* a gallery facing a gallery in the three *stories*.

4 And in front of the chambers *was* a passageway ten cubits *in* width toward the inside, a walkway of one cubit, and their doorways *were* to the north.

5 And the upper chambers narrowed, for *the* galleries took away *space* from them more than *they took* from the lower *levels* and more than *they took* from the middle *level in* the building.

6 For they *were* three stories and they had no pillars like the pillars of the courtyards; therefore they were smaller than the lower *stories* and than the middle *stories* from the ground *up*.

7 And *there was* a wall that was to the outside alongside the chambers *on* the walkway to the outer courtyard in front of the chambers; its length *was* fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers which *were* to the outer courtyard *was* fifty cubits, and look! *The chambers* on the front of the

temple *were* a hundred cubits.

9 And from under these chambers *was* the entrance from the east for them when one enters from the outer courtyard.

10 All along the width of the wall of the courtyard eastward in front of the courtyard to the front of the building *were* chambers.

11 And a walkway *was* before them like the appearance of the chambers which *were on* the north, *just like them in* their length, *and so was* their width and all their exits, and *they were built* like their arrangements and like their doorways,

12 and like the doorways of the chambers which *were on* the way of the south *was a* doorway at the head of the way before the stone wall, projecting *on* the way of the east at their coming.

The Priests' Use of the Chambers

13 And he said to me, "The chambers of the north *and* the chambers of the south which *are* before the courtyard, they are the holy chambers in which the priests, who *are* near to Yahweh, will eat the most holy objects. There they shall put the most holy objects, and the grain offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering, for the place *is* holy.

14 When the priests enter, then they shall not go out from the sanctuary to the outer courtyard; and there they must put their garments in which they serve because they *are* holy. They must put on other garments and *then* they may approach *the area* that is for the people.

Measurements of Outer Wall and Entire Complex

15 And he completed the measurements of the inner temple, and he brought me *to* the walkway of the gate that faces toward the east and he measured it all the way around.

16 He measured the east side with the reed for measuring, five hundred cubits, with *respect to* reeds with the reed for measurement, *he measured it* all around.

17 He measured the north side *as* five hundred *cubits, with respect to* reeds with the reed for measurement all around.

18 *Then* he measured the south side *as* five hundred *cubits, with respect to* reeds with the reed for measurement.

19 He went around the west side *and* he measured five hundred *cubits, with respect to* reeds with the reed for measurement.

20 Toward the four sides he measured it; *there was* a wall for it all the way around. *Its length was* five hundred *cubits* and *its width was* five hundred *cubits*, in order to make *a* separation between what is holy and what is common.

Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennium Temple—Yahweh Returns to the Temple (November 2, 574 BC)

Ezekiel 43:1–11

God's Glory Fills the Temple

1 And he brought me to the gate which *was* facing east.

2 And, look! The glory of the God of Israel, it came from the way of the east, and its sound *was* like *the* sound of many waters and the land radiated due to his glory!

3 And the appearance of the vision which I saw *was* as the vision which I saw at his coming to destroy the city, and *these* visions *were also* as the vision which I saw by the Kebar River, and I fell on my face.

4 And *then* the glory of Yahweh came to the temple by the way of the gate facing east.

5 And *the* Spirit lifted me and it brought me to the inner courtyard and, look! The glory of Yahweh filled the temple!

Exhortation to Purity

6 And I heard *someone* speaking to me from the house, and a man was standing beside me.

7 And he said to me, "Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet where I will dwell in the midst of the Israelites to eternity, and they, the house of Israel, they and their kings, will not again defile my holy name with their fornication and with their offerings for the dead of their kings *on* their high places.

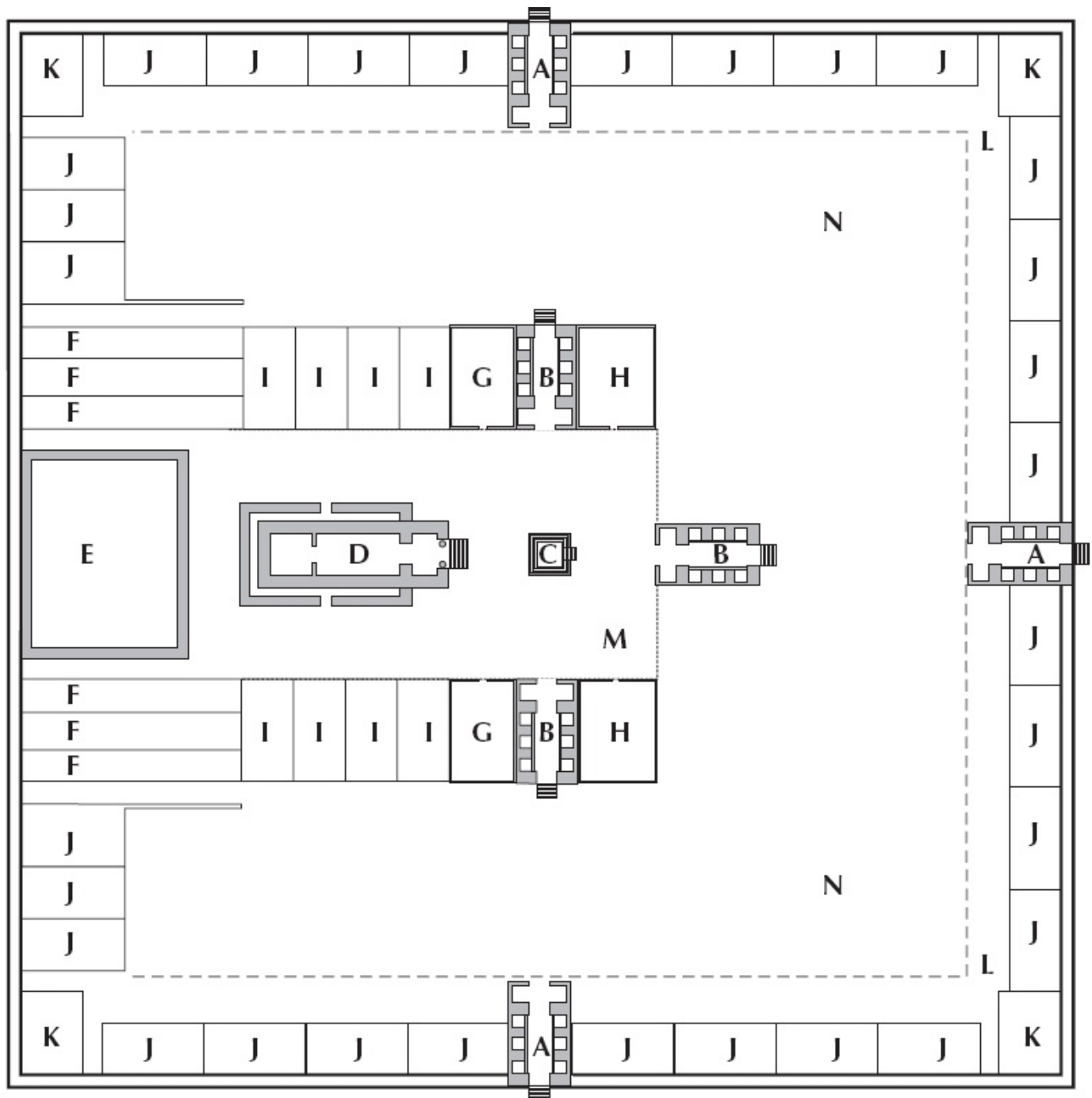
8 When they placed their threshold with my threshold, their doorframe beside my doorframe and the wall *was* between me and between them, then they defiled my holy name, with their detestable things that they did, and *so* I consumed them in my anger.

9 Now let them send their fornication far away and the offerings for the dead of their kings *away* from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them forever.

Purpose of God's Revelation of the Millennial Temple

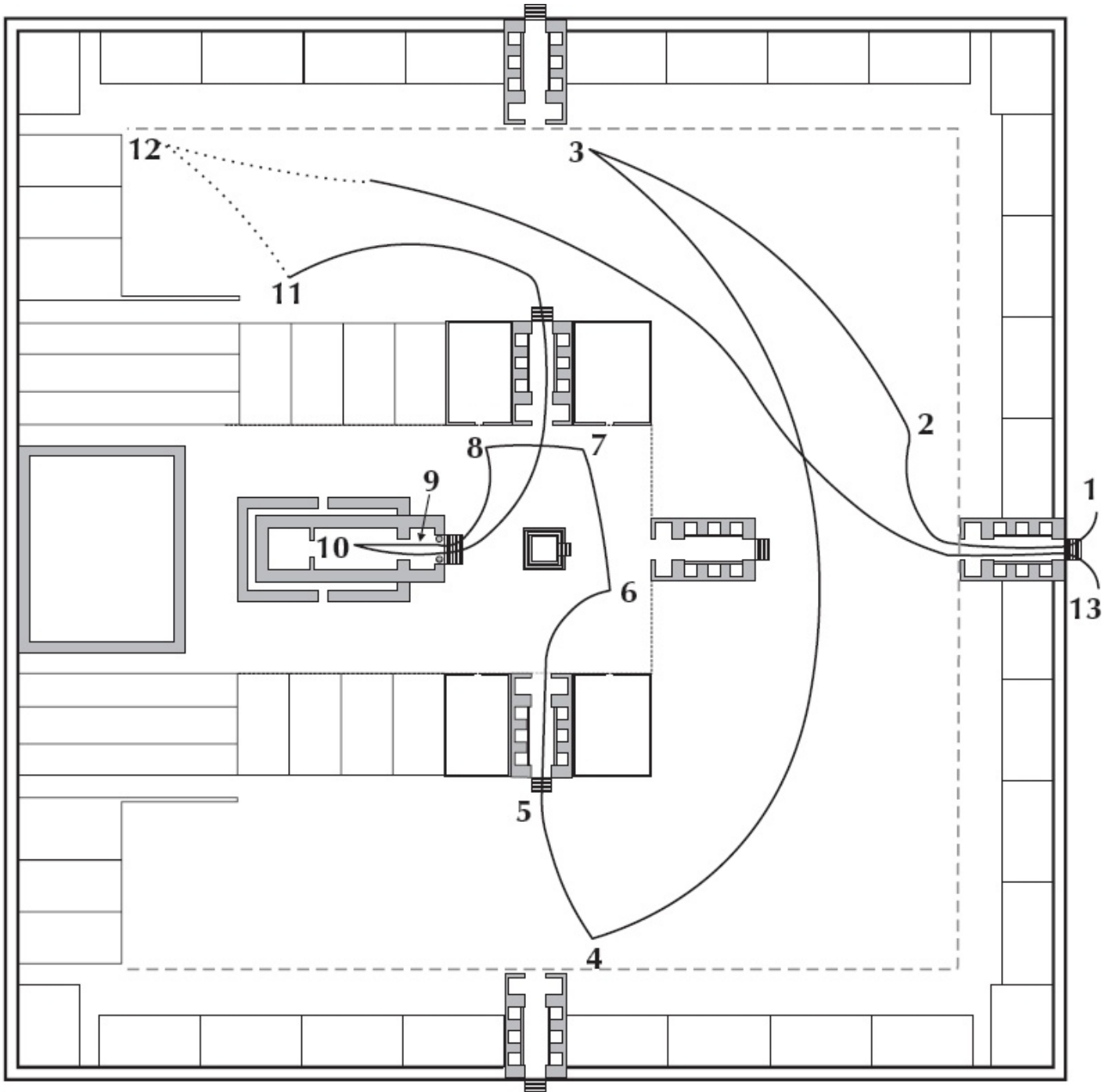
10 You, son of man, describe *to* the house of Israel the temple and let them be ashamed of their iniquities and let them measure the pattern.

11 And if they are ashamed of all that they did, *then* the plan of the temple and its arrangement and its exits and its entrances and all of its plans and all of its statutes. And all of its plans and all of its laws make known *to* them and write *them* before their eyes, so that they may remember all of its plans and all of its statutes, so that they do them!



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| A Outer gates (40:5-16, 20-27) | H Chamber of offerings (40:38) |
| B Inner gates (40:28-37) | I Outer chambers (41:9b-10) |
| C Altar (43:13-17) | J Worshiper's chambers (40:17) |
| D Temple (40:48–41:11, 15-26) | K Kitchens (46:19-24) |
| E Binyān (41:12-14) | L Lower pavement (40:18) |
| F Priestly sacristies (42:1-14) | M Inner court (40:44) |
| G Priestly chambers (40:44-46) | N Outer court (40:17-19) |



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